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Sex Offender Sentenced to Prison for Making Criminal Threats

A 65-year-old man accused of luring a woman to a coffee shop and threatening to kill her was sentenced today to 40 years to life in state prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney David Ayvazian said Frank Hernandez of Rosemead was convicted by a jury on June 26 of one felony count of making criminal threats.

Additionally, Hernandez admitted prior convictions for robbery, rape and kidnapping between 1978 and 1992.

The prosecutor said at the time of the incident, Hernandez was on parole for rape and ordered to wear a GPS monitor. On Sept. 12, 2013, Hernandez cut off his ankle bracelet and convinced a woman from church to meet him at a coffee shop in Alhambra.

When the woman arrived at the location in her car, Hernandez approached her with a gun, tried to push his way into her vehicle and threatened to kill her, the prosecutor added.

Two Good Samaritans saw Hernandez threatening the woman and confronted him, the prosecutor said. At that point, Hernandez fled, but was arrested several hours later at his home. The defendant has remained in custody since his apprehension.

The case was investigated by the Alhambra Police Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the <u>Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office</u> prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.